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SUBJECT: LABOR UNREST AND DISTURBANCES

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1. THE FAR-LEFT TEACHERS' UNION (SUTEP) STRIKE CALLED FOR TODAY, JULY 5, HAS MET WITH ONLY PARTIAL COMPLIANCE AND DOES NOT SEEM TO BE PRECIPITATING STRIKE ACTIVITY IN OTHER SECTORS. THE STRIKE, NEWS OF WHICH WAS FIRST LEAKED BY LAST THURSDAY'S CONSERVATIVE WEEKLY EL TIEMPO (REFTEL) WAS STRONGLY DENOUNCED BY GOP IN THIS MORNING'S DAILIES.

2. AN OFFICIAL AT THE LABOR MINISTRY TOLD EMBOFF JULY 5 THAT THE SUTEP STRIKE WAS NOT VIEWED AS A SERIOUS THREAT BY THE GOP. HE ALSO MENTIONED THAT THE MINER'S STRIKE AT THE SOUTHERN PERU COPPER CORPORATION'S ILO SMELTER HAS BEEN COMPLETELY LIFTED. LOCAL PAPERS REPORTED THE ILO WORKERS RETURNED TO THEIR JOBS SATURDAY AFTERNOON (JULY 2). HOWEVER, THE SPCC TOQUEPALA UNION THREATENS TO STRIKE AGAIN JULY 7 IF CURRENT DISCUSSIONS WITH GOP FAIL. UNION LEADERS ARE SCHEDULED TO TALK WITH OFFICIALS OF THE MINES AND ENERGY MINIISTRY JULY 6.

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3. IN CUZCO ALL CLASSES HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED INDEFINITELY BECAUSE OF RECENT STUDENT DISTURBANCES. REPORTS THIS MORNING FROM THE BI-NATIONAL CENTER DIRECTOR INDICATE THAT THERE WERE ADDITIONAL DISTURBANCES LAST NIGHT AND THIS MORNING WITH STRONG POLICE REACTION.

4. THE BI-NATIONAL CENTER DIRECTOR IN AREQUIPA REPORTED THIS
AFTERNOON THAT THE CITY WAS "QUIET BUT TENSE" IN ANTICIPATION
OF A TEACHERS' STRIKE TOMORROW.

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